

# Participles

**Present participles (verb-ing)** describe what somebody or something is. ) **It was a surprising decision.** (**What kind of decision? Surprising**).

**Past participles (verb + ed)** describe how somebody feels. **We were surprised by his story.** (**How did we feel about his story? Surprised**).

## Participles can also be used:

- instead of a relative pronoun and full verb. **The woman waiting for me is my mum** (= The woman who is waiting for me is my mum) **The watch displayed in the window is very expensive** (= The watch which is displayed in the window is very expensive).
- to express reason. **Feeling tired, Laura didn't go to the party.** (= Because she was tired) **Having put on weight, I decided to go on a diet.** (= Because I had put on weight, I decided to go on a diet.)
- to express time. After passing\ having passed his driving test, he bought a car. **Having passed his driving test, he bought a car.** (= after he had passed his driving test, he bought a car.) **We met John while travelling.** (= We met John while we were travelling.)
- instead of the past simple in narratives when we describe actions happening immediately one after the other. **Winning the lottery, she jumped for joy.** (= She won the lottery and jumped for joy.)
- to avoid repeating the past continuous in the same sentences. **He was driving in his car listening to the radio.** (= He was driving in his car and he was listening to the radio.)

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## -ed (excited, interested, bored)

— описує почуття людини (або тварини).  
Це те, як хтось себе почуває.

Приклади:

- I'm excited about the trip. — Я схвильований через подорож.
- She was interested in that book. — Вона зацікавилася книжкою.
- We were bored at the lecture. — Нам було нудно на лекції.

## -ing (exciting, interesting, boring)

— описує річ або ситуацію, яка викликає ці почуття.

Приклади:

- The trip was exciting. — Подорож була захопливою.
- The book is interesting. — Книга цікава.
- The lecture was boring. — Лекція була нудною.

## Underline the correct participle.

On Saturday, I took my children to the circus. I thought I would have a 1) **boring/bored** time but actually I was quite 2) **astonishing/astonished** by the 3) **amazing/amazed** acts. We were 4) **stunning/stunned** by the acrobats. They balanced on top of each other with incredible ease. We were really 5) **impressing/ impressed** by their performance.

The children found the lion-tamer's act 6) **exciting/ excited**. I felt 7) **terrifying/terrified** when he put his hands into lion's mouth, but the children were 8) **amusing/amused** and they clapped loudly. A magician performed many incredible tricks; it was 9) **fascinating/fascinated** to watch him make various objects disappear and reappear. The children were more 10) **interesting/interested** in the elephant act. When the huge animals came into the arena, the audience cheered. The elephants were well-trained and their tricks were 11) **entertaining/entertained**. Some children from the audience were invited to ride on the elephants' backs. My children were 12) **disappointing/disappointed** when they were not chosen, but their disappointment faded when the clowns took the centre ring. It was quite a 13) **captivating/captivated** show. By the time we got home we all felt 14) **exhausting/exhausted**.

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- 1) Have you read that new book yet? Only some of it. It is very **bored\boring**.
- 2) Did you enjoy your holiday? Oh, yes. It was very **relaxed\relaxing**.
- 3) I'm going to a lecture tonight. Do you want to come? No thanks. I'm not **interested\interesting** in the subject.
- 4) Did you hurt yourself when you fell? No, but it was very **embarrassed\embarrassing**.
- 5) Shall I turn off the lights? No. I'm **frightened\frightening** of the dark.
- 6) Was Mother upset when you broke her vase? Not really, but she was very **annoyed\annoying**.
- 7) How do you feel today? I still feel very **tired\tiring**.
- 8) I haven't seen Mr Green for several days. Neither have I. It's a bit **worried\worrying**.

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1 I was **disappointing** / **disappointed** with the movie. I had expected it to be better. (disappointed is correct) 2 I'm not particularly **interesting** / **interested** in football. 3 The new project sounds **exciting** / **excited**. I'm looking forward to working on it. 4 It can be **embarrassing** / **embarrassed** when you have to ask people for money. 5 Do you easily get **embarrassing** / **embarrassed**? 6 I'd never expected to get the job. I was **amazing** / **amazed** when I was offered it. 7 She's learnt very fast. She's made **amazing** / **amazed** progress. 8 I didn't find the situation funny. I was not **amusing** / **amused**. 9 I'm **interesting** / **interested** in joining the club. How much does it cost? 10 It was a really **terrifying** / **terrified** experience. Everybody was very **shocking** / **shocked**. 11 Why do you always look so **boring** / **bored**? Is your life really so **boring** / **bored**? 12 He's one of the most **boring** / **bored** people I've ever met. He never stops talking and he never says anything **interesting** / **interested**.